

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending and have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 into the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-6, drawn to an electrokinetic apparatus;
- Group II: Claims 7-13, drawn to a two-dimensional electrophoresis system;
- Group III: Claims 14-18, drawn to a two-dimensional isoelectric focusing method;
- Group IV: Claims 19-27, drawn to a sensor; and
- Group V: Claim 28, drawn to a method of detecting chemical and biochemical components.

The Examiner requests that one of the groups of claims be elected for examination. Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, for examination.

The Examiner has additionally requested that a species election be made. Applicants elect the species of capillary electrophoresis. The claims readable on the elected species include claims 1-6.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, for examination. Applicants further elect the species of capillary electrophoresis. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if there are any questions.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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